

# Curriculum Vitae

## PAULAMI BANERJEE

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental Communication, Community-Based Natural Resource Management, Public Participation, Environmental Policy

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### EDUCATION

**PhD Candidate** **2017 (anticipated)**  
Environmental Science and Engineering Program  
University of Texas at El Paso, TX

**Master of Science (M.Sc.)** **2005**  
Department of Geography  
University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India

**Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)** **2003**  
Department of Geography  
Presidency University, Kolkata, India

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### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

**National Eligibility Test for Lectureship (NET)** **2007**  
(Awarded Junior Research Fellowship by UGC, Govt. of India)  
Subject: Geography  
University Grants Commission, Government of India, New Delhi, India

**State Level Eligibility Test for Lectureship (SLET)** **2006**  
Subject: Geography  
The West Bengal College Service Commission, West Bengal, India

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Guest Lecturer, COMM 5350 Environmental Conflict Management** **Spring 2016**  
Department of Communication  
University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP)  
Total Students: 12 (Graduate)

**Guest Lecturer, COMM 4350 Environmental Communication** **Fall 2015**  
Department of Communication  
University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP)  
Total Students: 11 (10 Undergraduates, 1 Graduate)

**Lab Instructor, GEOG 203 Planet Earth** **2010-2012**  
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX  
Sections Taught: 7; Total Students: 148 (Undergraduate)

**Lecturer, Department of Geography** **09/2008 to 06/2009**  
Jogamaya Devi College, Kolkata, India **1/2007 to 06/2008**  
Total Students: 165 (Undergraduate)  
Courses Taught: GIS, Geography of Resources, Population Geography, Social Geography, Political Geography, Economic and Human Development in Third World, Natural Hazards and Management, Settlement Geography

**Lecturer**, Department of Geography  
Gokhale Memorial Girls' College, Kolkata, India  
Total Students: 91(Undergraduate)

**09/2007 to 05/2008**  
**10/2006 to 03/2007**

Courses Taught: GIS, Cartographic Techniques, Biogeography, Hydrology, Geographical Thought, Economic and Human Development in Third World, Social Geography, Population Geography, Geomorphology

## **RESEARCH AND FIELD WORK EXPERIENCE**

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- **Research Associate** to Dr. Tarla Rai Peterson, Professor, Environmental Communication Lab, Department of Communication, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX, Fall 2015-present
  - Graduate researcher for NSF funded project: *Composing Energy Policy: The Rhetoric of Low-Carbon Energy Technology Scientists and Engineers*.  
Primary Objective of Project: To examine communication and forms of reasoning among low-carbon energy technology scientists and engineers, in particular, the communicative interface between scientific, policy, economic, and cultural dimensions of these technologies.
- **Research Assistant** to Dr. Tarla Rai Peterson, Professor, Wildlife & Conservation Policy Research Group, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, College Station, TX, Fall 2012-2015
  - Graduate researcher for the National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERR) Science Collaborative project: *Balancing Freshwater Needs in a Changing Environment*. Funded by NERR Science Collaborative - a partnership of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the University of New Hampshire.  
Primary Objective of Project: To ensure that the research conducted by natural scientists on our team both responded to community needs and desires, and that it contributed policy-relevant information to the local community and to state agencies responsible for freshwater flow into the Gulf of Mexico.  
[http://missionaransas.org/post\\_science\\_sciencecollaborative.html](http://missionaransas.org/post_science_sciencecollaborative.html)
- **Doctoral Dissertation Research:** Creating Spaces for Conversations on Conservation: A Case Study of Joint Forest Management in East Sikkim, India, 2012-present
- **Research & Field Assistant**, Department of Geography, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, Fall 2009 - Spring 2010
- **Field Instructor**, Department of Geography Gokhale Memorial Girls' College, Kolkata, India, 2006

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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- **Office of Graduate and Professional Studies Research Grant** **2013-2014**  
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
- **P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship** **2013 & 2011**  
International Chapter P.E.O. Sisterhood, Des Moines, IA
- **Susan M. Arseven'75 Make a Difference Memorial Award** **2012**  
Women in Science & Engineering (WISE), College of Science  
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
- **Excellence in Academics and Geographical Research Award** **2011-2012**  
Department of Geography Graduate Enhancement Fund (GEF)  
Texas A & M University, College Station, TX
- **Melbern G. Glasscock Graduate Travel to Archives or Travel for Fieldwork Grant** **2010**  
The Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research  
Texas A & M University, College Station, TX
- **College of Geosciences Incentive Scholarship** **2009-2010**  
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
- **Junior Research Fellowship** **June 2007**  
University Grants Commission,  
Government of India, New Delhi, India

- **State Funded Research Fellowship** 2006  
The West Bengal College Service Commission, Government of West Bengal, India
- **National Scholarship Scheme** 2003-2004  
Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development
- **Merit Certificate** 2003  
for securing 2<sup>nd</sup> Rank in Geography at the B.Sc. (Hons.) Examination  
University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India
- **Geographical Institute Prize** 2003  
for securing the 1<sup>st</sup> Rank in Geography Hons. (B.Sc.) of Calcutta University,  
among students of college, Presidency College, Kolkata, India
- **Geographical Institute Prize** 2002  
for securing 1<sup>st</sup> Rank in Annual Examination of College,  
Presidency College, Kolkata, India
- **Award for Proficiency in Geography** 1999 & 2000  
La Martiniere for Girls, Kolkata, India

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer Reviewed

- **Credibility and advocacy in conservation science** by Horton, Cristi; Peterson, Tarla; **Banerjee, Paulami**; Peterson, Markus, *Conservation Biology* 30(1): 23-32. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/cobi.12558/full>

### Book Chapter

- **Community Conversations on Conservation: A Case Study of Joint Forest Management in East Sikkim, India** by **Paulami Banerjee**; In Tarla Peterson; Hanna Ljunggren; Andrea Feldpausch-Parker; Kaisa Raitio (eds.) *How Communication Practices Contribute to Community Construction and Deconstruction* (expected 2016; in press with Routledge)

### Conference Proceedings

- **Joint Forest Management in India: A Case Study of East Sikkim, India**  
*In Communication for the Commons: Revisiting Participation and Environment: Selected papers from the Conference on Communication and Environment (COCE), Uppsala, Sweden, 2013*  
<https://theieca.org/conference/coce-2013-uppsala/conference-proceedings>

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- **Panel Chair: Re-thinking Community-Based Conservation** June 2013  
Title of Paper: Joint Forest Management in India: A Case Study of East Sikkim, India  
Conference on Communication and Environment (COCE), Uppsala, Sweden
- **Poster: Scientists and Conservation Policy: Communicating in the Dual World of Scientist and Advocate** June 2013  
Cristi Horton, Markus Peterson, Ph.D., **Paulami Banerjee**, Neal Wilkins, Ph.D.  
Conference on Communication and Environment (COCE), Uppsala, Sweden

## WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

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- **Commons and Commoning: Perspectives from Democratic Theory and Political Ecology** June 2013  
Society, Landscape and Land Use Research School  
Department of Urban and Rural Development at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)  
Uppsala, Sweden
- **Conservation, Development and Communication in Diverse Landscapes: Theories and Methods** Feb-March 2013  
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden & Universidad Nacional Agraria- UNA, Nicaragua  
Zapatera Island National Park  
Nicaragua

## **FACILITATION**

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- **Co-Facilitator** for Brazos Valley African American Museum Annual Boards Retreat, Bryan, TX **2013**

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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- International Environmental Communication Association (IECA)
- Society for Conservation Biology (SCB)

## **RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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- **Languages:** English, Hindi, Bengali, Nepali (conversational)
- **Computer Skills:** NVivo10 for Qualitative Research, NetLogo 5.0.4 (multi-agent programmable modeling environment),
- **Field Techniques:** Ethnographic Field Methods